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RE: Advocacy for borrowIT CT

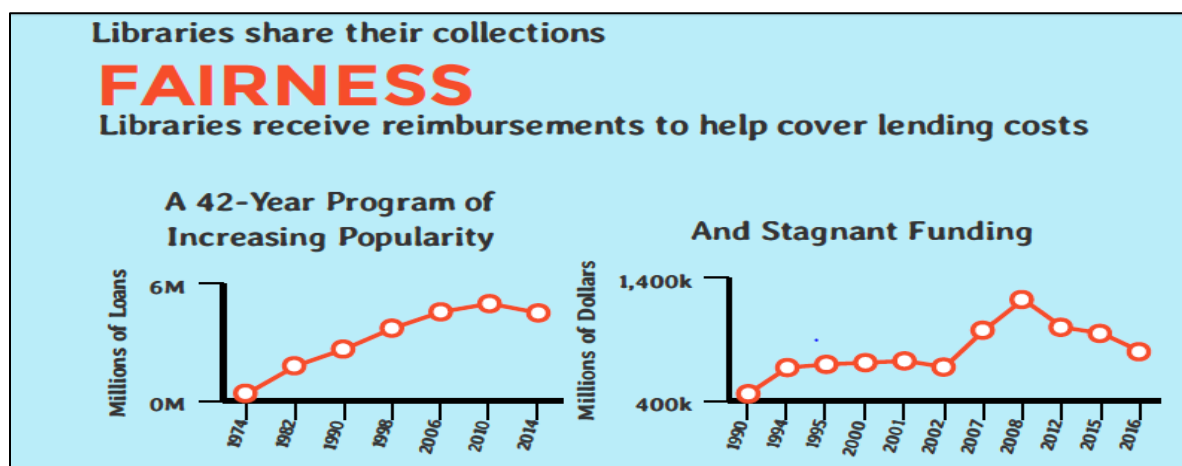
Dear Senator Formica, Senator Osten and Representative Walker,

As a Groton Town Resident for more than 35 years and 8-year member of the Groton Public Library Board, I am writing to urge your support of borrowIT CT with full restoration of the cooperative program funds of \$806,000.

In these difficult fiscal times when every tough choice our legislators need to make seems to impact those that hurt the most, the loss of further borrowIT CT funds would be devastating to both patrons and libraries in the State. A significant one-third of Groton Public Library patrons are out-of-town residents and losing this funding will affect their access to our Library resources in the future.

The following snapshots are taken from CT State Library website and tell the story of how popular this cooperative program is. Even though borrowIT CT has seen exponential growth in its 42-year history, program funding has been stagnant as seen in the graph below.

Please support our State libraries with full restoration borrowIT CT funding and let's keep Connecticut libraries in the business of sharing.



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Year	Actual Payments Received (2017 is an estimate based on 2016 loan data)	Estimated Payment if there was level funding since 2011	
2011	\$46,226	\$46,226	
2012	\$33,487	\$39,661	
2013	\$32,405	\$38,379	No funding reduction in this year
2014	\$28,565	\$33,831	No funding reduction in this year
2015	\$32,705	\$40,068	
2016	\$28,947	\$38,119	
Est. 2017	\$27,021	\$36,812	
Totals	\$173,388	\$198,165	

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Estimated Impact of Funding Cuts Since 2011

\$24,777

Respectfully yours,

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